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# MAKING THE GRADE

## Professors, administrators debate issue of grade inflation at UM

STORY BY KATIE KLINGSPORN AND JARED RITZ

In September of 1989, University of Montana President James Koch warned faculty that the grades given at UM might be too high. "We owe it to ourselves and our students to provide them with a challenging curriculum," he said in his State of the University address. "It is time for the campus to discuss evaluating and grading."

Today, nearly 15 years later, a Kaimin examination of grade records supplied by school officials found that the "average" grade for UM's undergrads is approaching a solid "B."

Among other things, the Kaimin study found that:

- In fall of 1991, the average undergraduate's GPA was 2.64. Twelve years later, that number has increased to 2.93.
- In spring of 1993, 18.5 percent of all undergraduates made the dean's list. For spring 2003, 24.6 percent of all undergraduates earned the honor.
- In spring 2003, 42 percent of the grades assigned were A's.
- In the same semester, 21

departments on campus gave more than 50 percent of their students A's in upper-division classes.

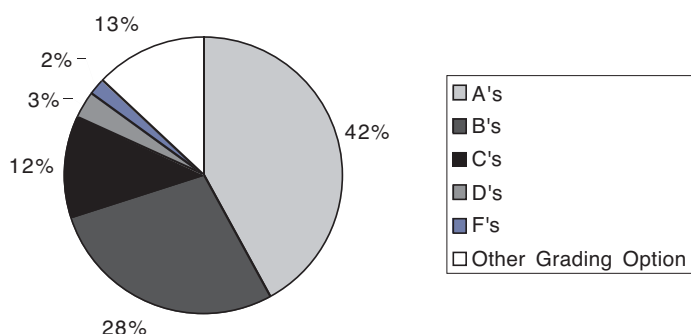
Grade inflation is hardly a UM phenomenon; it's happening at schools around the nation. From two-year community colleges to Ivy League universities, the debate among students, faculty and administrators continues with the central question: Are students getting smarter or are teachers lowering standards?

Whatever the answer, there seems to be little doubt that grades are rising. According to a study by Stuart Rojstaczer, a professor at Duke University, the average GPA at the nation's public universities jumped from 2.82 in the 1991-92 academic year to 2.97 in 2001-02, the most recent data available.

While UM's current average GPA is hovering below the national average, UM's increase over the past decade has been more dramatic. Whether that's a problem depends on whom you ask.

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Undergraduate upper-division grade breakdown, Spring semester 2003



Annie P. Warren/Montana Kaimin

This week the ASUM Office of Transportation sponsors Walk 'n' Roll Week as part of the campus' involvement in Missoula's 13th annual Bike Walk Bus Week, which encourages community members to use alternative transportation. At noon on Friday, Broken Valley Road Show will perform in the Mansfield Mall, raffle winners will be drawn and prizes will be given away.

## Walk 'n' Roll sets healthier path

Chelsea DeWeese

Montana Kaimin

Warm weather means more than skimpy clothing; it also means a jump in the number of people using alternative transportation.

At least that's Nancy Wilson's hypothesis. Wilson, director of the ASUM Office of Transportation, said she has seen an increase in the number of students participating in Walk 'n' Roll Week this year and credits it to an increase in people's environmental awareness, a spike in gas prices and an absence of the rain clouds that have plagued the celebration in the past.

Walk 'n' Roll Week, which features events throughout this week, is an effort by the ASUM Office of Transportation to reward campus community members who choose to use alternative modes of transportation.

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### What's happening today for Bike Walk Bus Week

**7-9 a.m. — Catalyst:** Free coffee or tea for anyone who bikes, walks or buses to work this morning.

**7-10 a.m. — Good Food Store:** Free 10-ounce, freshly squeezed orange juice for anyone who bikes, walks or buses to the store.

**10 a.m.-6 p.m. — Art Museum of Missoula:** Free Rudy Autio poster for the first 30 people to bike, walk or bus to the museum.

**Noon — Pedal vs. Metal Challenge:** A multiple-stop, errand-running competition between teams of bicyclists and motorists. Call 549-1143.

**Noon — The Oval:** "Fine Arts With Bike Parts." Performances and displays by UM music, dance and art students centered on a bicycle theme.

**12:15 p.m. — Lunchtime Walk Along the River Trail:** A fun, social, good-exercise walk along the river trail. Call 721-7161.

**2-3 p.m. — On MCAT:** "Missoula, Bicycling Town"

**4 p.m. — Discussion in UC Room 327:** "Active Living and Healthy Transportation." Experts speak about the connection between active living and healthy transportation.

**4:30-6:30 p.m. — On MCAT:** "The Bicycle, Innovations and Solutions"

**5:30 p.m. — Gardner's Auction:** Spring bike auction for used bikes. Call 258-4626.

**6:30 p.m. — Fort Missoula:** Tour the grounds with museum director Bob Brown. Call 728-3476.

**8:30-9 p.m. — On MCAT:** "What's up Missoula?" Bicycle safety video.

## Bush seeks Pell Grant changes

Alisha Wyman

Montana Kaimin

President Bush proposed a measure earlier this month to limit the time period in which students can receive Pell Grants in order to give more grant money to low-income students studying math and science.

If the proposal passes, students in a four-year program won't be able to receive the grants after eight years, and students at two-year colleges won't receive the grants after four years.

Math and science majors in need would get \$5,000 through a separately run program instead of the \$4,050 maximum the grants are set at now.

Mick Hanson, financial aid director at the University of Montana, said he takes issue with both major goals of the bill. He

said more funding shouldn't be limited to certain majors and time restrictions hurt students in certain circumstances.

"I'd rather see all students get a smaller increase than some students get a larger amount of money when all students have an equal amount of need," Hanson said.

The Chronicle of Higher Education reported that Bush presented parts of his plan in a speech at the South Arkansas Community College this month.

"We want people to be prepared for the 21st century; that's what we want," it quoted him as saying. "We want to make sure nobody gets left behind, but at the same time, we want to provide proper incentives so people can have hope in this country."

Hanson said that while he commends the president for making

an effort to aid students, he thinks the maximum Pell Grant amount should be increased for all students to at least the level of average tuition and fees, which sits at \$4,600 in Montana.

Putting time limits on financial aid is bound to hurt some students, Hanson said.

"That seems to me to be counterproductive," he said.

Nontraditional students who are working and taking care of a family could be the hardest hit if the proposal passes, he said. Those students can't afford to take the full-time load it requires to graduate in four years.

Tim Strom, a senior nontraditional student in art, said it is unfair to students who take longer to graduate.

"It's really discriminating

See **PELL**, Page 16



# Students shouldn't pay for seniors' increased benefits

Earlier this month, Montana Aging Services Network began putting together legislation that would add a tax of 5 cents to soda and bottled water. The revenue from the tax would funnel into funding services for the elderly in Montana.

All well and good, right? Now, think about where that money is going to come from: the new generation of sugar-mongers. The 12-18 demographic is probably close to the largest, if not the largest buyer of soft drinks. These are the students watching programs essential to their education dwindle and eventually disappear.

The voting population of Montana has a large section of seniors and retirees, many of whom, upon reaching this age, vote for lowering taxes and improving benefits for seniors. Because of the huge amount of power these voters wield on volume alone, other government programs suffer.

And one of the most popular programs forced to "re-evaluate" spending and face massive cuts, is, of course, education.

A voting block like the elderly obviously determines a large part of any political agenda. That's part of how democracy works. But the Montana Legislature needs to remember that another vital statute of democracy is the protection of the minorities. Or better yet, protection of and consideration for people not yet old enough to vote. If these future voters are not properly educated, both the state and the country are doomed.

While the tax is being levied against the small bottling companies of Montana, their natural response will be to raise their prices to cover the tax. Ultimately, it is young people who will be forced to foot the majority of the bill. Why should they, when a similar political reciprocity fails to exist? Students in Montana cannot be expected to pay to avert a crisis in care for seniors when it is those very seniors who cast their vote against students by demanding increased tax cuts and lower funding for education.

Obviously, values will have to be weighed against one another. Is it more important to preserve the past than to build the future? The Montana Legislature continues to cast its vote less and less for education, and more for industry and tax reduction.

Raising taxes on cigarettes to cover lawsuits of early smoking-related fatalities — that makes sense. Asking the equally burdened young people whose education gets worse by the year to support the costs of the elderly? That seems a little more incongruous.

Scott Bennett, design editor

# We want answers from regent

Guest Column by

Cody James Pope  
Junior, Political Science

A letter to John Mercer, chairman of the Board of Regents

Dear Mr. Mercer,

After reading your reasons for voting against the voluntary fee policy, I still fail to accept the validity of your arguments. I must point out that the students of UM have requested a voluntary fee policy through ASUM resolutions, petitions and an initiative.

You continue to oppose popular student support on this issue. You claim that the voluntary fee policy would have discriminated against smaller, less popular groups. You also claim that the remedy to this alleged discrimination, which would be to open up a voluntary fee option to all student groups, would have resulted in a logistical "nightmare." However, neither claim stands up under scrutiny.

The Supreme Court decided in Board of Regents of the Wisconsin University System v. Southworth that students are protected against discrimination if the university policy designating the collection of university fees to support student groups is "viewpoint neutral."

This means students are protected from discrimination if a student group's viewpoint (e.g. political, religious, sexual or ethnic) is not the basis for University funding decisions. The University cannot promote one type of speech (e.g. non-political speech) while similarly prohibiting other types of speech (e.g. political speech). This, however, does not mean that universities must enforce equal funding outcomes for all student groups to protect students from discrimination.

Moreover, the current mandatory fee policy, which you support, already disproportionately favors larger, more popular groups. A student group's funding is determined by its ability to demonstrate need to ASUM through membership numbers and the extent of the programs it operates.

Therefore, the argument against voluntary fees — that it would favor larger groups — could also be made against mandatory fees. Differences in funding outcomes result regardless of if the funding mechanism is a voluntary fee or a mandatory one, as evidenced by the way student groups are currently unequally funded under the mandatory fee system.

The voluntary fee proposal rejected by the regents

protected students against discrimination through its viewpoint neutrality clause, and would have, as an added bonus, meant more money to smaller student groups and more flexibility to larger groups.

Your second claim is also false. The California University System currently operates a voluntary fee policy without the logistical "nightmare" you suggest. If a university system several times larger than ours can handle a voluntary fee policy, so can we. Your claim sends the message that University staff isn't up to the task of operating a simple computer program. If a voluntary fee policy would create logistical problems, then certainly the president of the University would oppose it, right? Strangely, President George Dennison has stated the he supports the voluntary fee policy. Mr. Mercer, would Dennison wantonly lead his office personnel into a "nightmare" scenario?

The claim you have made in the past, that the University should not be in the "fee collection business," was strangely absent from the reasons you stated for voting against voluntary fees in the Kaimin. I, however, commend you for not perpetuating this falsehood. We all know that the University is in the "fee collection business" at every level of its organization and does collect fees for political special interest groups through mandatory fees already. Moreover, any policy specifically excluding political groups from a funding mechanism, voluntary or mandatory, would be unconstitutional under the Southworth decision.

Also of some concern is the fact that you offered no public explanation of your decision at the regents meeting. ASUM has requested through a resolution that you give a proper explanation to students. You have failed to do so, and continue to send the signal to students that they simply do not merit your attention on this issue.

You also continue to allow other student groups, such as the Greek system, and faculty and staff through Charitable Giving, to use voluntary fee systems. If you are opposed to the philosophical premise of voluntary fees, why do you not oppose these policies? I must point out that this provides the basis for an equal protection argument against the regents.

I also feel the need to address the fact that you and other regents have previously received campaign dollars from the same mining, energy and timber interests that student groups such as MontPIRG have opposed in the past. Your colleague Regent Lynne Morrison-Hamilton has accused you of making your decision based on a right-wing ideology, and given the weakness of your arguments against voluntary fees, I am beginning to believe her.

## Regents wrong on fee policy

The students of this campus have been silenced! For 24 years MontPIRG has collected voluntary fees on this campus. At referendum, its voluntary fee has never received lower than 80 percent support. Over 2,000 students signed a petition declaring their endorsement of the expansion of the voluntary fee. President Dennison and ASUM have supported this policy. Why then did the Board of Regents choose to ignore the students' voice and the history of support that MontPIRG has had for over two decades?

The answer is clear. Partisan politics are behind the attack on MontPIRG and all student groups. A vocal minority from Forward Montana, a political action committee funded by coal, oil, timber, mining and energy companies, was behind this assault on student rights. This is no coincidence, seeing that MontPIRG has continually taken on these special interests publicly.

These special interest, realizing that they will never win a public debate, have now resorted to attacking student-group funding policy. Forward Montana's argument against

the voluntary fee policy is groundless. Its only platform is based on retribution. Its fear of MontPIRG presenting them as the slaughterers of this beautiful state that they are, has led them to lie to the biased regents, inciting a decision against the voluntary fee policy.

It is time that we, as students, stand up against this tyranny. The Board of Regents has failed to take into consideration the will of this campus. As tuition-paying students we deserve a voice in the way our student groups are funded. The Regents have put their partisan politics in front of the overwhelming, campuswide support for the voluntary fee. The purpose of a regent is to accurately represent the will of the students. It is time that we tell Board of Regents Chairman John Mercer to do his job!

Bryce Bennett  
freshman, pre-communications

## Bissell off-base with Mother Nature comments

The virulent, ignorant nonsense paraded by Andrew Bissell in the Tuesday, April 20, opinion column requires a response. Editorial

demands restrict my reply to 300 words and I cannot address the dangerous disinformation that Bissell communicates regarding the human health effects of DDT.

Instead, I will address his concerns about Mother Nature being an inadequate provider of essential resources. The idea that indigenous cultures, living in what Bissell terms "pre-agricultural times," endured lives of constant duress and hardship is an integral element in the positivist's argument that all human technological advance is for the better. (I will ignore here his comment about "jungle brutes.")

To contend that life for archaic cultures was a perpetual picnic is to indulge in fantasy of a different sort, but we can make some simple comparisons between their lot and our

own. Were the grim specters of global climatic change, environmental degradation as a result of wanton resource exploitation, and the continuing occurrence of low-intensity conflicts between nuclear powers omnipresent in archaic times? No. Are the majority of humans on this planet able to live meaningful lives, in close proximity to loved ones, with adequate water and food supplies, let alone access to reliable health and educational services? One cannot say for certain, but indications are that standards between the wealthiest nations and the poorest grow more disparate with each passing day.

How can we endure a world in which we characterize the water and food supplies available to a fellow human being as adequate? Protecting the ecosystems that provide support and sustenance to all of us would do much toward raising living standards across the globe and requires no technological leap to accomplish. Treating environmentalism as an anathema is counter-productive and ignores the real problems that we should be confronting.

A.J. Kroll  
graduate student, wildlife biology

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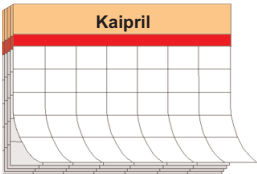


Calendar of Events

All Week Long, Sing This Song

It’s Your Yabba Dabba Duty  
All Around You, Man, All Around You  
— Through April 30: all day, too  
Observation - Bike Walk Bus Week. Why not ride a dinosaur to school this week? It’s always hilarious when they look at the camera and say some cheeky remark like, “Eh, it’s a living.” Dinosaurs are crazy!

Feeeeemale Form  
PAR/TV Montana Museum of Art and Culture — Through May 1  
11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday  
3 p.m.-7 p.m. Friday  
Art exhibit - “The Female Form,” by Henry Meloy. Because you don’t get a very good look at the female form in pornos. Not even in the slow-motion shots.



The Screener  
PAR/TV Masquer Theatre  
— Through May 1: 7:30 p.m.  
Play - “The Screens.” The play that lets air circulate. Tickets, \$11/general, \$10/students and seniors.

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Student Recital  
Music Recital Hall — 7:30 p.m.  
Student recital - Ryan Waniata will be tenoring it up, yo. For freezy — that’s “for free” for those who are not hip like us.

ASUM Senate Meeting From The Future  
UC 332-333 — 6 p.m.  
Meeting - ASUM Senate. More fun than a barrel of monkeys\*  
\*The Montana Kaimin does not advocate or endorse in any way, shape or form the placing of monkeys in a barrel or any sealed container for entertainment purposes.

Women From The Maghreb  
Gallagher Business Building 124 — 7 p.m.  
Lecture - “Women from the Maghreb on the Screen: Between Tradition and Modernity,” by Ida Kummer. Your brain isn’t full yet. Go learn something new.

“Weather Or Not” Is Not A Clever Pun  
Montana Kaimin — every issue (we think)  
Un-rad - The Montana Kaimin will not be printing anything at all relevant to the weather in the weather section (A 15-degree head turn to the left from here) for the rest of the year. Instead, we will be printing the rather boring observations and “jokes” of a bitter senior in journalism (who thinks he is better than Calendar Boy of all things). Obviously, we don’t recommend reading it — but you never did, did you?

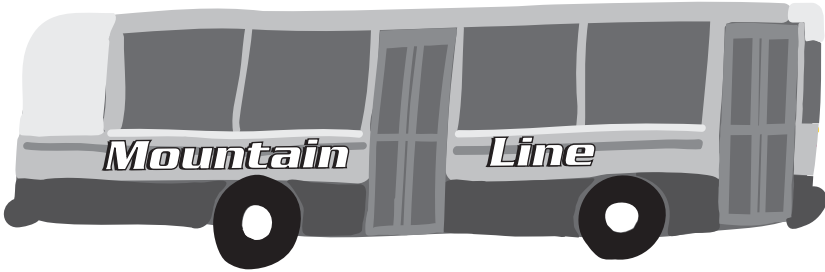
Lunch With A Stranger  
UC Theater  
— 12 p.m.-1 p.m. Republicans  
— 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Democrats  
Forum - “Lunch With the (next) Governor.” Candidates will discuss their platforms and entertain questions from the audience. We’re not sure if any food will actually be consumed, so don’t go expecting to have your munchies satisfied.

Used Outdoor Gear And Sharp Objects  
UC — noon-5 p.m.  
Sale - Used Outdoor Gear Sale. See this ice-pick? It was only used to stab an old lady in the eye once. Almost brand new! Free and open to the public. Gear check-in at 7 a.m.-11 a.m., workers’ sale 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., gear pick-up at 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

I’m Not A Glutamate, I Play One On TV  
Music Recital Hall — 7 p.m.-9 p.m.  
Lecture - “Memory Maker or Memory Taker? The Many Roles That Glutamate Plays in the Brain,” by Richard Bridges, professor of biometrical and pharmaceutical sciences. A lecture name long enough that we have to write the rest in teeny, tiny writing.



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**Why are you running for ASUM?**

The main reason I'm running is because I have every intention of serving as a senator and increas-

ing financial aid for working, middle-class students.

**What will be your No.1 priority if elected?**

Increasing financial aid. This year has been great to be involved in everything. But I want to now be able to focus on several key issues.

**What is your stance on raising the athletics fee? Do you have any alternative solutions to the deficit?**

I am opposed to an increase in student fees without an increase in student services. I would oppose increasing the athletics fee. I think we should sell beer at the football games. Colorado State does it and they generate \$500,000 annually. We could also try to increase our corporate sponsorship.

**How do you feel about the campaign spending limit for senate candidates? Do you think the rules need to be refined?**

(The spending limit) is a viola-

tion of the First Amendment of the Constitution. What needs to happen is ASUM needs to recognize the First Amendment and alter their rules accordingly.

**What is your position on the funding of student groups through voluntary fees?**

A fee like that should be open to all or open to none. The question to students is: How much time are we going to spend next year bickering about it?

**Are you opposed to higher admissions standards at UM or do you support the efforts of administrators to gradually raise the standards?**

I think admissions standards to a certain extent are OK. I think we need to reform the general education requirements. You spend the first two years of college taking the same classes you took in high school. I also think students should be able to test out more classes so they can get to the good stuff.

In the Kaimin's ASUM senate candidate profiles yesterday, two senate candidates, Aaron Flint and Shawna Hagen, were omitted.

The Montana Kaimin apologizes for the error.



**Shawna Hagen**  
Sophomore, political science  
Conservative  
Incumbent ASUM senator

**Why are you running for senate?**

I'm running for senate because I was appointed last semester. I had a lot of fun first semester, but I didn't get a whole year. Basically, I just want to get involved, and I think I'm an accurate

voice for students' opinions.

**What will be your No. 1 priority if elected?**

I think that this year there were certain groups of students that weren't included. I also think the athletics students were left out of the athletics debates. I just want to represent more groups on campus.

**What is your stance on raising the athletics fee? Do you have any alternative solutions to the deficit?**

My stance on the athletics fee is that basically I'm the only person on campus that really wants to pay the fee. If the students don't want it — even though I do — I don't think the students should have to pay it. I think the alternative solution should be the one V.P. (of Administration and Finance Bob) Durringer brought to the table.

**How do you feel about the campaign spending limit for senate candidates? Do you think the rules need to be refined?**

I don't think there should be a campaign spending limit for senate candidates because frankly I think it violates freedom of speech. Limiting it is against the Constitution. The rule that needs to be refined is they need to get rid of the limit.

**What is your position on the funding of student groups through voluntary fees?**

It's the student group's duty to collect its own fees. It wouldn't be fair for some of the smaller groups if they put limitations on what kind of groups could collect the fees.

**Are you opposed to higher admissions standards at UM or do you support the efforts of administrators to gradually raise the standards?**

I'm not opposed to higher admissions standards, but they should be gradual, so that they don't keep people out of getting higher education.



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# Management class teaches ins and outs of entertainment

Joe Friedrichs

Montana Kaimin

Entertainment Management 495 is a class in which University of Montana students wish to be enrolled as much as Ghandi wished for peace.

These stuents are masterminding the second annual Spring Thaw on April 30. Highlighted at the event will be long-standing reggae band Toots and the Maytals. Students in the class are credited with bringing the band to Missoula.

"I've never seen anything like it in the field of academics," said Scott Douglas, assistant professor of management at UM and instructor of the course. "Students get to go above and beyond a normal class atmosphere. They get to see the day-to-day life of the entertainment business."

The purpose of the course is to provide a basic understanding of venue management to students interested in the many career possibilities within the field, Douglas said.

Since 2001 the UM School of Business Administration has been awarding certificates to those students who complete the nine-credit course. Usually, three credits are earned for the program during the fall and six in the spring.

Two three-week-long seminars were held for students during the spring portion of the class this year. They consisted of three consecutive weekends of instruction by guest professionals, with out-of-class work being done during the week.

"The students are exposed to

some of the top leaders in the entertainment industry in all fields," said guest instructor Maria Brunner. "In addition, the students are able to interact with these guest instructors, not only while they are there, but also after they have left."

Around 40 of the highest ranking people in the industry have come and spoken to the class, Douglas said.

A few of the top guest instructors this year have been part of a group known as the "Montana Mafia." The mafia is composed of several high-ranking entertainment officials who are graduates of UM and include Mike McGinley, the founder of SRO Consultants, a Los Angeles-based international consulting firm that handles tour accounting for Neil Young, Paul McCartney, Sheryl Crow and many others; Keith Miller, vice president of the William Morris Agency in Nashville — which is responsible for directing the careers of Brooks & Dunn, Vince Gill, Clint Black and many others; and James Yelich, the man who is known for guiding country singer Alan Jackson to stardom.

"This is the only class I could sit through on a weekend," student Kacey Murch said. "I'm glad to be a part of the class because it is just an incredible experience."

Nearly all the students who participate in the program find it to be one of the most rewarding educational experiences of their academic career, Douglas said.

"It's just been great because the people that come to talk are people at the top of the industry," student Eric Conda said. "And the

best thing is a lot of the people that come to educate are from Montana. The people that come out of this class have their foot in the door for future jobs."

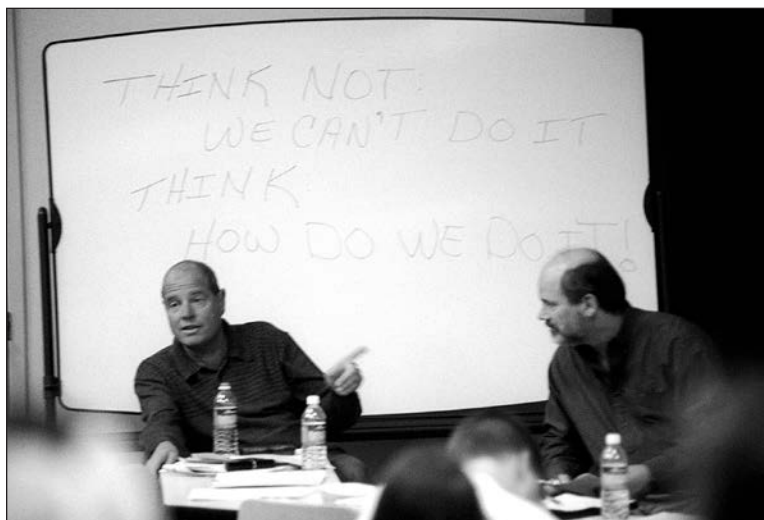
While the class is a very rewarding and beneficial experience for its students, it is not a cheap ship to sail. A large portion of the class is funded by a grant from the Mannheim Steamroller, a musical-theatrical act. The traveling act, which is able to sell out much larger venues across the country, wouldn't even have Montana on its radar screen if it weren't for the class, Douglas said. After making cost on the trip, Mannheim Steamroller grants the rest of its proceeds to the program. The class then uses the generous amount of money for its operations, including bringing in the guest lecturers and organizing the Spring Thaw.

"As the program grows, because of its distinctive nature, it becomes the single biggest magnet on this campus," Douglas said. "It's an expensive program to run and does cost more than the usual class forum, but people in the industry are banging on our graduates' doors to let them in."

All the benefits the class has to offer do not come without hard work. The class faculty interview about 100 prospective students. Of those, only 30 to 40 make the cut. Those selected have the chance to earn one of three grades: A, B or F.

"You are going to have to work, and there is little room to slack, just like the industry," Douglas said.

Spring Thaw 2004, which the students of the class set up from



Lisa Hornstein/Montana Kaimin

Guest professor Keith Miller (left) discusses music management tactics with Ron Baird on Sunday afternoon during an entertainment management class in the Gallagher Business Building. The class teaches an understanding of the entertainment industry.

A to Z, gets under way on Thursday, Douglas said. An open-mic in the UC from noon to 1 p.m. gets it going. Students from the class will also host a two-hour celebration on the Oval on Friday. Anyone is welcome to join a friendly game of ultimate Frisbee at the event, which will last from noon to 2 p.m. Harley Davidson will have a sponsored booth and there will be free ice cream bars

and free Red Bull to drink. To wrap it up Friday night, Toots and the Maytals will jam in the UC Ballroom at 7:30 p.m.

"The course brings knowledge, opportunity, and it brings dreams to reality," Douglas said. "It's fantastic to watch the kids do the work, and they do it all. And at the same time they are having a blast doing it."

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Mike Cohea/Montana Kaimin

Missoula firefighters battle a small blaze in a large mound of sawdust just west of McCormick Park on Tuesday afternoon. Crews spent more than four hours controlling the blaze that filled parts of downtown with smoke. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

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# U.S. forces pound Fallujah insurgents; one soldier killed

Jayson Reyser  
Associated Press Writer

FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) - U.S. warplanes and artillery attacked Sunni insurgents holed up in a slum in a thunderous show of force that rocked Fallujah Tuesday, sending huge plumes of black smoke into the night sky. The assault came after American troops killed 64 gunmen near the southern city of Najaf.

An American soldier was killed Tuesday in Baghdad, raising the U.S. death toll for April to 115 — the same number lost during the invasion of Iraq that toppled Saddam Hussein last year. Up to 1,200 Iraqis also have been killed this month.

The second straight night of battles in Fallujah came as the extension of a fragile cease-fire ended in the turbulent city west of Baghdad. Marines have been preparing to begin patrols in the city later this week.

Tuesday's battle appeared far heavier than the previous night's clashes, in which a Marine and eight insurgents were killed — suggesting U.S. forces were trying to wear down gunmen in the Jolan neighborhood, a district of narrow alleyways and ramshackle houses. An AC-130, a powerful gunship

that can unleash a deluge of ordnance, joined 105mm howitzers in opening up on insurgent targets in the neighborhood. Gunfire and explosions reverberated for nearly two hours, and an eerie orange glow shone over the area while showers of sparks descended like fireworks.

Fires were visible in the Jolan neighborhood, and mosque loudspeakers elsewhere in the city called for firefighters. U.S. aircraft dropped white leaflets over Fallujah before nightfall, calling on insurgents to give up.

“Surrender, you are surrounded,” the leaflets said. “If you are a terrorist, beware, because your last day was yesterday. In order to spare your life end your actions and surrender to coalition forces now. We are coming to arrest you.”

Fighting also broke out in

Baghdad and in the south, where U.S. forces are in a standoff with militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who is wanted on murder charges for allegedly killing a fellow cleric.

U.S. forces killed 64 Iraqis on Monday and Tuesday in battles with militiamen outside the Shiite holy city of Najaf, Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said.

The United States is trying to avoid a resurgence of the intense fighting ahead of June 30 — the date for installation of a new Iraqi government.

At the United Nations, U.N. envoy to Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi briefed the U.N. Security Council on plans for a caretaker government that would take over from the U.S.-picked Governing Council. He also warned that there would be a “very bloody confrontation” unless an agree-

ment was reached to end fighting in Fallujah.

John Negroponte, who has been nominated as U.S. ambassador to Iraq, acknowledged Tuesday that the caretaker government would have limited powers because the Iraqi security forces were not yet strong enough. The United States would keep control of security forces, and the new government may not have the authority to pass laws, he told a Senate panel in Washington.

Several U.S.-allied Iraqi leaders demanded the government receive full sovereignty.

Mohsen Abdel-Hamid, a Sunni Arab on the Governing Council, said the prospect of the United States retaining some sovereignty is “not acceptable, this is totally rejected.”

If the Americans do not respect agreements on giving complete sovereignty, “then the Iraqi people know what route to take,” he said.

Two nights of battles in Fallujah have strained U.S. attempts to find a political way out of the siege of the city, avoiding a resumption of the full-

fledged fighting that killed hundreds of Iraqis in early April. At least eight Marines have died in the fighting.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told reporters at the Pentagon on Tuesday that continuing negotiations in Fallujah was “worth the try.”

“I think that realistically if you've got some very tough people in a city that are terrorists ... that you have to expect that they're not going to be terribly cooperative,” he said. “Now, does that mean that something can't be worked out? No.”

Joint patrols by Marines and Iraqis are a key part of the political effort, aiming to restore a semblance of control in Fallujah. Marines began training Iraqi security forces on Tuesday for the patrols, practicing in an industrial zone on the southern side of the city held by U.S. forces.

South of Baghdad, U.S. troops battled militiamen loyal to al-Sadr on the east side of the Euphrates River, outside the cities of Najaf and Kufa.




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## BALLOT 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

### REFERENDUM TO AMEND THE ASUM CONSTITUTION

In order to clarify Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Constitution, the ASUM Senate passed a resolution to send the following referendum to the student body for a vote.

Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Constitution now reads:  
*Meeting shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order and the Chair of the meeting shall only vote in the case of a tie.*

The proposal is to amend Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Constitution to read:  
*Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.*

☐ **YES - I support the proposed amendment to the Constitution.**  
☐ **NO - I do not support the proposed amendment to the Constitution.**

Recently, the Senate of the Associated Students of The University of Montana adopted a resolution to appoint, as an ex-officio and non-voting member of the ASUM Publications Board, the ASUM Office Accountant. The purpose of the amendment is to strengthen ASUM financial oversight of the Montana Kaimin and other student literary organizations under the purview of the ASUM Publications Board. The proposed language to be added to the ASUM Constitution, Article 9, Section 3, is as follows:  
Section 2. The Publications Board will consist of seven voting members, chaired by the ASUM Business Manager. The Pub Board will consist of one ASUM Senator, one student-at-large position, the Kaimin Editor, the Kaimin Business Manager, the Kaimin Faculty Advisor and a Business School faculty member, appointed by the Dean of the Business School, as voting members. The ASUM Office Accountant shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Publication Board.

☐ **YES - I support the amendment to the ASUM Constitution as stated above.**  
☐ **No - I do not support the amendment to the Asum Constitution as stated above.**

### REFERENDUM TO INCREASE KAIMIN OPERATING FEE

The Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) has approved a referendum motion to increase the Montana Kaimin operating fee.

Currently, students pay \$2.00 per semester (autumn and spring only) to receive the Montana Kaimin. The Senate proposes an increase in \$2.00 per semester to help pay for rising operating costs, to make technological improvements and adjust employee compensation.

☐ **YES - I support the \$2.00 per semester fee increase.**  
☐ **NO - I do not support the \$2.00 per semester fee increase.**

### REFERENDUM REGARDING ATHLETIC FEE INCREASE

The Athletic Department and the University Administration are proposing an increase to the student athletic fee. Currently, full-time students pay an athletic fee of \$30.00 per semester. University Administration is proposing a \$5.00 per semester increase to the full-time student athletic fee for the next four (4) years. Under the proposal, students would also receive an additional number of football stadium seats, bringing the total to 3650 student seats. A \$5.00 user charge would be attached to each student football ticket, and guest pass prices would remain the same (Currently, \$10.00 per guest pass). Additionally, any student taking between one (1) and three (3) credits would be charged a new fee of \$10.00 per semester, any student taking between four (4) and six (6) credits would be charged a new fee of \$20.00 per semester. Students attending the College of Technology would not be affected by these proposed fee increases.

☐ **YES - I support the proposed full-time student athletic fee increase, creation of a user charge for tickets at football games, and new fees as explained above.**  
☐ **NO - I do not support I support the proposed full-time student athletic fee increase, creation of a user charge for tickets at football games, and new fees as explained above.**

### INITIATIVE IN SUPPORT OF RIGHT OF STUDENTS TO CREATE AND FUND INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATIONS WITH VOLUNTARY FEES

The Regents of the State of Montana, despite an ASUM Resolution and 2,000 signatures on petitions supporting voluntary fees, voted to repeal their policy allowing students to create and fund student organizations at The University of Montana through voluntary fees. This action sets a precedent detrimental to student input and students' right to free speech on important university issues. This initiative urges the Regents to support the right of students to fund organizations through voluntary fees.

☐ **For the right of students to create and fund independent organizations with voluntary fees.**  
☐ **AGAINST the right of students to create and fund independent organizations with voluntary fees.**

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**‘Cheapening degrees’**  
Michael Mayer, professor of history and member of the Faculty Senate, insisted that the rise in UM’s average GPA means a lowering of faculty standards.

“It’s ridiculously inflated,” he said. “It doesn’t accurately represent the level of work done in most classes.”

Mayer, who started teaching at UM one year before Koch’s warning, said students will suffer if the trend continues.

“We can’t keep cheapening degrees,” he said.

Other faculty members agree. A’s — once the symbol of academic excellence — are worth less when they are easier to make, said Jocelyn Siler, co-chair of the English composition program.

“It undercuts what excellence is,” she said.

Another danger is creating a false sense of self-worth in the student, she said.

Mayer is especially concerned with the effects of inflation on good students.

“Good students are cheated because there is nothing to distinguish them from the run-of-the-mill students,” he said. “We should be making sure that when they get out, they have every advantage.”

But eventually grade inflation harms every student, he added.

“It’s going to hurt anyone who tries to take a UM degree and shop it around,” he said. “It may mean you are excellent. It may mean you are illiterate. And it’s supposed to really mean something.”

**The view from Main Hall**

UM President George Dennison says grade inflation has yet to become a large problem on campus, noting that UM’s overall GPA remains lower than the national average.

“It’s always something we need to be concerned about and look at,” he said, “but always keep it in context.”

The reasons for UM’s grade

increases could be varied, he said. A tougher admissions policy and a gradual improvement of the overall student profile are possible — and acceptable — explanations for why UM students are doing better, he said.

For example, UM figures show that today’s first-year, first-time freshman is a better student now than five years ago when UM began tracking such information. For academic year 1998-99, 43 percent of freshman accepted to UM were in the top quarter of their graduating high school class. Last year, that number jumped to 51 percent.

Even so, acceptance rates actually increased from 83.8 percent to 89.4 percent in that same period. Since 1990, when the Board of Regents went from open admissions to some low-based standards, no major retooling of admissions policy has occurred.

Like Dennison, Phil Bain, UM’s registrar for 30 years, said he has seen a “little creep” upward in the average GPA but doesn’t think it is a cause for much concern. The Registrar’s Office keeps all sorts of data on students, including all grades given and dean’s list calculations. But Bain said his staff hasn’t focused on grade inflation specifically.

He suggested that some reasons for this creep might include an increase in the amount of programs that lead students to master a skill and more subjectivity in grading artistic and creative courses. Above all, though, grades are just an arbiter of what is really important — how much knowledge students are taking away from classes, Bain said.

“Education shouldn’t be about how many people did we fail, but how many people that learned something,” he said.

Provost Lois Muir also doesn’t think the rise in GPA alone is a problem of major concern.

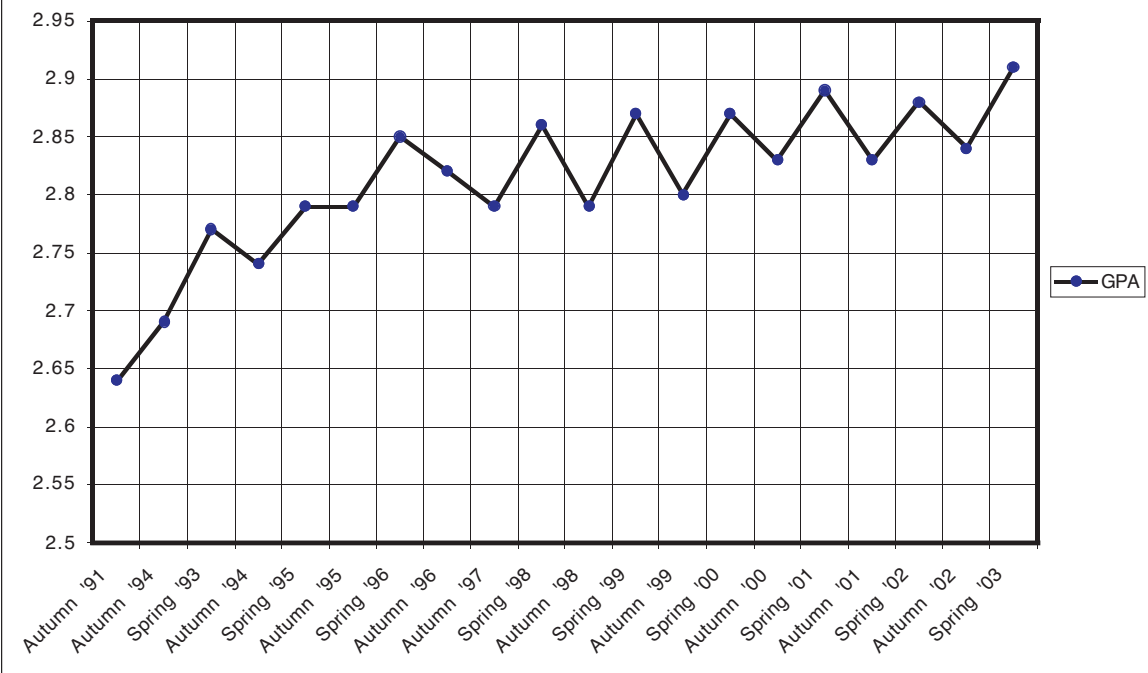
“We’re getting better students, and that could account for some of the higher grades,” she said, “and that would be great.”

What she is concerned about, though, is the high percentage of A’s given at UM. Upon being told just how many A’s UM faculty

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**-Michael Mayer, history professor**

UM undergraduate average GPA by semester



members give — 42 percent of all grades — Muir said she would suggest that the Faculty Senate put together a task force to investigate.

“We are so proud of our students, but still, I’m really surprised by this,” she said. “This is something that needs visibility, that the community needs to be aware of.

“This really sets the stage for the faculty to look at this,” she said. “Clearly, we need to know more about this data to try to find out what’s going on.”

**Case-by-case basis**

Some specific programs that have doled out more A’s in the past 10 years attribute the increase to tougher admissions standards within the department. Kate Gadbow, director of the creative writing program, said the program’s rise — from 74 percent of students receiving A’s in fall semester upper division classes in 1993 to 82 percent in 2002 — may be due to the increased competition to enter the program, a competition that has increased as the program has become more popular.

“(Students) have to take it seriously, and most of them already are A students,” she said. “People self-select. If they aren’t strong writers, they don’t tend to take our classes. Yeah, we give a lot of A’s, but we also have a lot of good writers.”

Mark Dean, co-chair of the

Department of Drama/Dance, which gives A’s to more than 50 percent of its student, said he doesn’t think his department is inflating grades. He added that grading for departments with creative class structures is difficult, and much of it comes down to the amount of work the students put in.

“If they’re trying to the best of their ability and attacking productions with rigor, there is no reason why they shouldn’t get an A,” he said.

Lt. Col. Heather Ierardi, chair of the military science department, pointed to a high number of scholarship students as a reason for high marks in her department.

In spring of 2003, 80 percent of military science students earned A’s in upper-division classes, compared with 72 percent in 1994. A lot of individual attention is given to students, she said, because 30 percent are on scholarships and professors take extra effort to make sure students don’t fall below those standards.

“We put a lot of emphasis on academic performance,” she said.

**All kinds of pressure**

Other faculty members, however, see inflation in their own departments and across campus as an alarming problem, and say it stems from a number of reasons.

One could be our cultural attitude toward failing, said Siler, the co-director of the English composition program.

“When students have been passing classes for so many years, their attitude toward non-passing becomes inflated,” she said. “It’s difficult for students to understand that this is not like high school, where you just have to do the work and you get A’s.”

At the college level, grading should be performance-based, she said, but sometimes this is difficult for students to understand.

“They sometimes become hostile and put pressure on their professors,” she said.

And in many departments, she said, professors do give breaks to students for simply doing the work.

Students and faculty have also distanced themselves too much from not passing students, which isn’t necessarily a bad thing, she

said.

“When I was in school, people were left behind all the time because they weren’t developmentally ready,” she said. “It’s not failure, but a way of learning more.”

Burke Townsend, chair of the philosophy department, said he speculates that grade inflation could go all the way back to the Vietnam War, during which professors gave higher grades to not flush young men out of the university system.

It could also be a turn away from old-fashioned notions, he said.

“There’s a relativism that has been creeping in,”

Townsend said. “Students are now saying to their professors, ‘Who are you to judge me?’”

Mayer, from the history department, cited all kinds of administrative pressure on faculty that would result in higher graders. Maintaining a high retention rate, for example, keeps the school’s budget healthy. Another factor could be some teachers’ worries about end-of-the-semester student evaluations, which play a role in faculty promotions. An easy way to keep students coming back and have them rate teachers highly on evaluations is for professors to give A’s, he said.

The result is a grading system that is more like a ranking system than an evaluation of quality, he said.

“Given our student body, there is a wide range of students, from excellent to poor, but they are given mostly A’s and B’s,” he said.

Some faculty members say students might actually appreciate tougher-grading teachers who push them.

“If the student population is better, we should be challenging them more,” Siler said.

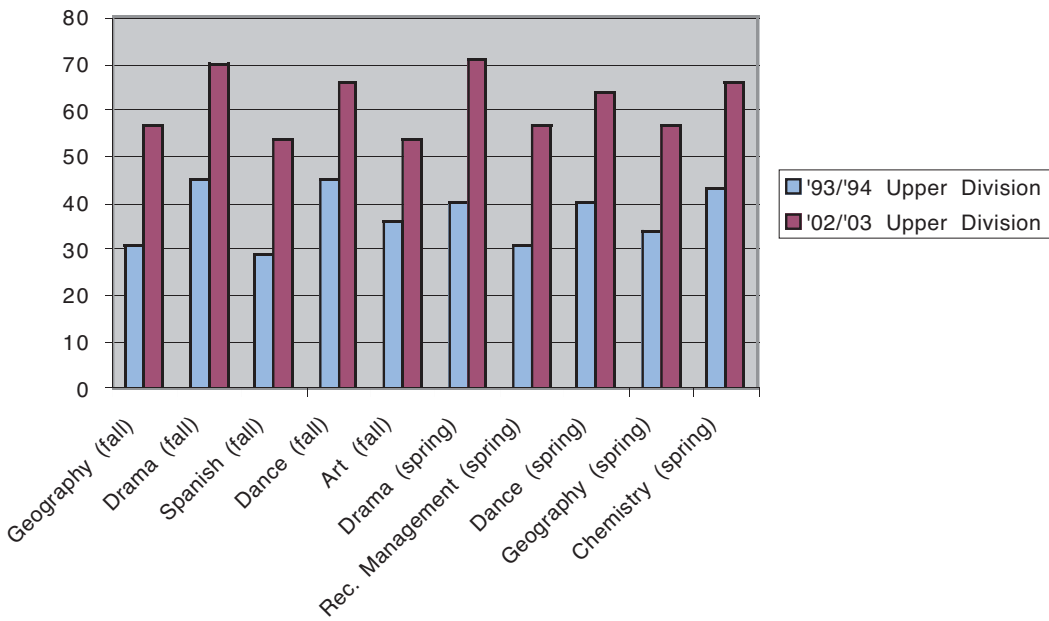
Besides, many students are grateful for being egged on to do better, Townsend said.

“I’ve had students come to me and say ‘I really appreciate being held to the mark,’” he said.

Most students only do what’s required, he said, and if only a small amount is required, that’s

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Percentage of students earning A's, Upper Division Increases by department



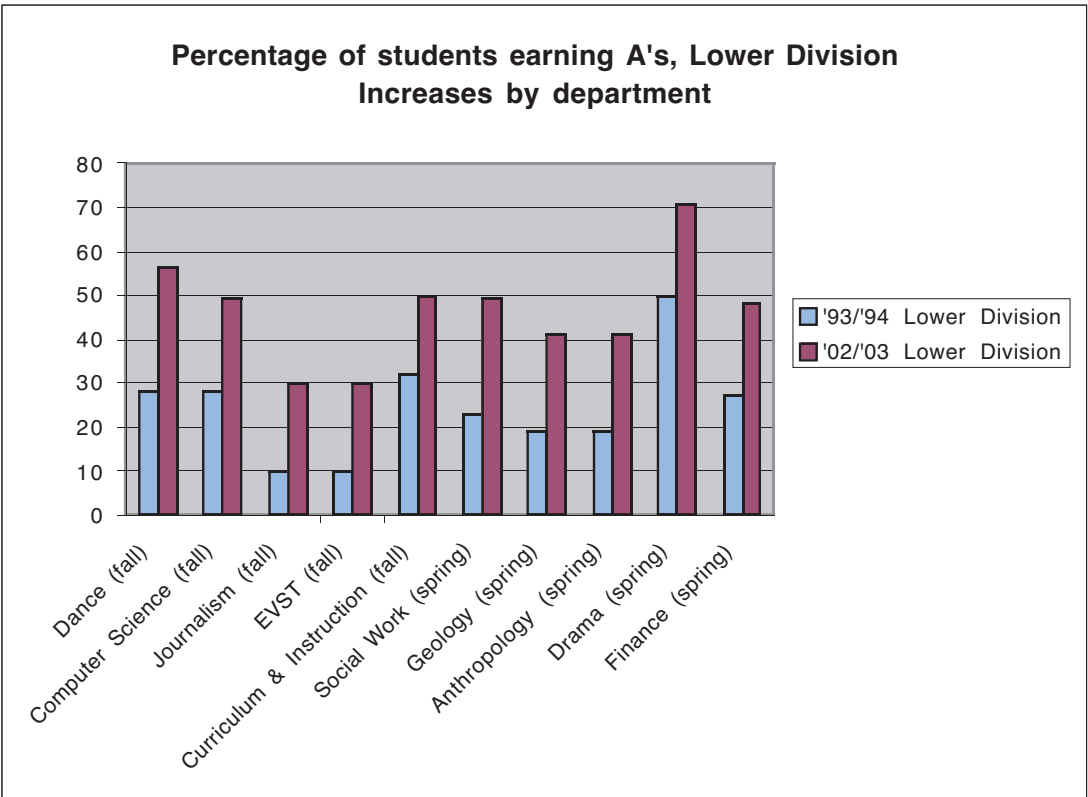


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all that will get done.  
“We’re all human, and we don’t naturally rise up to do more than we can. If you can get A’s without trying too hard, you will,” he said.

**Adjusting the attitude**  
The situation gets trickier when dealing with what some see as the lowering of grading standards because there is no rule for uniformity in faculty grading. It’s all up to the individual.  
“Controlling faculty grading is like herding cats,” said Bain, the head registrar. “There are no guidelines for grading. It’s all the choice of faculty. Guidelines would be an infringement on their academic freedom.”  
Professors who do try to buck the trend and grade harder face a dilemma, Townsend added. If they try to tackle grade inflation within one class or one department, they run the risk of placing

their students at a disadvantage because most others on campus are receiving higher grades for the same, or worse, caliber of work, he said.  
“It’s a hard problem,” Townsend said. “You really probably have to take a campuswide, or better, nationwide effort to address it.”  
Siler said faculty members need to start talking candidly about how they can change the cultural attitude about grading.  
“If we discuss it, and it’s out there, then faculty and students will be less resistant toward not passing,” she said. “The effort has to be preceded by discussion.”  
Mayer also said he would like to see the faculty giving realistic grades to students, but that it will take a campuswide effort.  
“We all need to deal with downward standards,” he said. “The administration should support high standards — from the deans all the way up to the president.”



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Jeff Windmueller laterals the ball before being tackled during a rugby practice on Tuesday. Windmueller joined the University of Montana club team, the Jesters, one week ago and played his first rugby game against the Maggots, a local team.

# A WEEK WITH THE JESTERS

Kaimin sports editor enters rugby a novice, comes out a novice with a busted ankle

After just three days of playing rugby, I found myself in the Curry Health Center's X-ray room. The doctor believed I had a broken foot, but I knew otherwise.

My bones have always been strong; it runs in my family. Although my mother was nearly 50 years old — an age at which many women are already suffering the effects of osteoporosis — a bone-density scan revealed that she had the skeletal structure of a 30-year-old. And so it was passed on to me. Strong bones, that is — not a feminine structure.

My X-ray results came back. The bone was fine. Not a good sign, though. If my foot isn't broken, then I must have done something to the tendons or ligaments when I twisted my ankle. That's how I ended up there in the first place. I twisted my ankle as I tried to keep Nathan "Biz" Kosted from landing on me during the scrum.

In a scrum, eight players from each team interlock their arms, shoulders and legs and then plow into each other in an attempt to recover a ball that has been dropped at their feet.

The opposition, a Maggot rugby player probably in his 40s, lifted Biz from his feet and threw him on top of me. The Maggots are a local rugby club and the Jesters' main rival for more than two decades.

"If you can't hold up, just learn to fall," said my Jesters teammate, James Rust. Or at least I think it was him. Sometimes it's hard to tell who is talking when all you see is stars — even if the guy, like "Rusty," is a 6-foot, 3-inch redheaded beast.

I should have just fallen right

away, but instead I strained my ankle trying to keep Biz off me. Then again, have you seen the size of Biz? Or the 300-pound gorilla that had lifted him off his feet? Heavy... quite heavy.

I guess I still should have fallen, but I didn't exactly know what I was doing. After all, that game last Thursday was my first rugby match ever.

As the sports editor for the Kaimin, I decided that everyone on the sports staff should take up a new activity — something they've never tried before. Each one would then be able to write a first-person account of his or her experience. I thought it should be fun, because we rarely get to write about ourselves in the paper. Plus the stories could be printed during the last two weeks, when UM sports are winding down.

Somewhere in between wondering whether I would ask the fencing club to poke me with a sabre or ask the equestrian team to let me ride a terrific stallion, I decided to give rugby a shot.

Actually, I remember the exact moment when I chose to join the University of Montana's club team, the Jesters. Like every drastic decision in my life, it came to me during a party while I was slightly inebriated.

"Hey, you should come play with us. We got a game with the Maggots coming up, and we could use some more players," Torger "Lance" Oaas said to me as he held a beer in one hand and a golf ball in the other. I wasn't too sure about rugby drinking traditions, but I had the feeling that if a golf ball was dropped into my glass I would have to chug the remaining contents immediately.

STORY BY  
JEFF WINDMUELLER  
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MIKE COHEA

Oaas is the club president and one of the clear leaders when it comes to directing practices. When I began practicing three days after the party, he said two things that helped guide me through the learning process: "Shut the fuck up and listen," and "Just wait until the game. You'll learn more about rugby in the first three minutes than you can in practice."

His advice never rang more true.

I had no idea what was going on in practice, at least when we scrimmaged. Drills were simple enough. Run with the ball, hit the man, push the ball toward your team and hope to Christ a sharp cleat doesn't puncture your skull. When we scrimmaged, all of these things had to happen faster, harder and in a particular order.

There were off-side calls, rucks, scrums and inbound passes where a player is often lifted 10 feet into the air to catch a pass. Players bashed each others' heads, ripped each others' shirts and tripped each other at the feet. They were screaming for the ball, diving for a score and passing always to the side — forward passes are illegal. They were drilling through defensive lines, kicking the ball far ahead and resting only at the half. The game is a never-ending battle back and forth. Each team forms a line much like an army, and if that line is broken, the enemy will find a way through.

"Just stick close to me and follow up when the ball comes out,"

said Erik Nelson, the Jesters' captain.

Simple enough.

My first two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, began just like that. I practiced drills and learned the basics of the game. But otherwise, I just ran around looking for someone to hit.

It was a bit unsettling. I've played a number of sports and have done pretty well at most of them. But leaving the field after those two days with little understanding of the game's details made me feel like a freshman in high school again. Everybody around me was bigger and smarter and knew where they were going. It was as if I was showing up late because I couldn't find the right classroom.

"You rookies will definitely see some playing time during the B-side game," said Skip Hegman, the Jesters' coach.

That meant that after the experienced players finished battling the Maggots during the A-side game on Thursday, I would be able to finally prove my worth in a game against the older, slower B-side Maggots. But don't get me wrong, those seniors could plow through an outhouse and come out clean. They were still big and fast.

"And make sure you get a mouth guard," Hegman said. "I've chipped a couple of teeth before."

I tongued my own. Two of my front teeth on the right side were beginning to throb. Even if they are solidly anchored, when teeth ache like that, they feel as if they're swaying in the wind.

My teeth were the last thing on my mind, however. The aches and pains were something to complain

about and limp about, but none of that worried me. As I said before, my bones don't break easily.

In the past, I've put my body through all kinds of hell. I played ice hockey for about eight years and subconsciously limped to class to avoid the pain caused by the bruises that covered my hips. I was always hitting or getting hit. It was my best part of the game.

I quit ice hockey after the season of my sophomore year in high school to concentrate on running cross-country. Running in the 100-degree summers in Great Falls wasn't nearly as bad as when we trained for a half-marathon race in mid-December. Every year, members of the team traveled to Las Vegas for the event, but we first had to run the same distance at home to prove we were going to complete the race when we finally got there. Thirteen miles in the windiest city in America during December meant that your sweat eventually began to freeze. After awhile, the cold seeped past all four layers of clothing. And I, as well as my friend, soon discovered that we had mild frostbite on our penises. Over a week's time, a small patch of my skin turned dark red, scabbed over and eventually healed back to normal. Thank God there was no need to amputate.

I have experienced pain.

No, my fear didn't revolve around any form of pain, but rather humiliation. What if I went out there and made a mistake? Would I pass it to the wrong team, allow a person to score or simply do what I had done before — run around without knowing



Rugby

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what I was actually doing?  
Mistakes: I made plenty. First, I tried running the ball past two of the Maggots and had the ball stripped from me. I wasn't holding it correctly as I had been told to.  
Then I tried catching a kicked ball, which struck me in the right shoulder and then glanced off wildly behind me. I don't remember exactly what happened afterward. I had just the idiocy on my mind.  
And, of course, I ran around not knowing what to do most of the time. The accident that caused me to visit the Curry Health Center and mystify a doctor who couldn't understand what could have happened to my foot, which wasn't broken, was just the icing on the cake.  
After the game, which we lost without anybody paying much attention to the score, I limped to the sidelines, not expecting anyone to talk to me. Why would

they? I played an 80-minute game and had two bad ball-carries and an injury to show for it.  
Besides, for having the reputation of loud, crazy, party animals, the rugby players were actually very quiet at practice. During plays, shouts rang out — "go down, go down," or "pop left" — but otherwise I hadn't really learned anything about them personally. It was never a matter of discussion, not while warming up, not while collecting on the sidelines.  
"Hey, you did a good job today. You going to play with us next week?" Oaas said to me as we walked off the pitch — or playing field.  
It nearly startled me. I looked up from the ground, shook my head and began wallowing in how horrible I actually was. He didn't seem to listen.  
"We've all been rookies before," he said.  
It was a nice reassurance. I began to look back on my experience and remembered the feeling of when I tackled my first Maggot. It was an abrupt crunch



Jeff Windmueller chews on his mouth guard as he listens to instructions during practice on Tuesday. Afterward, he still didn't know what to do.

that I hadn't felt since playing ice hockey. I knew then that I could still pound a man bigger than myself and stand tall afterward.  
My assignment for the newspa-

per was complete, but I wanted to play again.  
When practice came around the next Tuesday, I was piling duct tape on top of an Ace bandage

wrapped around my ankle, and somebody asked me, "Did you have fun at the game?"  
"I had a lot of fun," I replied.

Weekend tennis play propels Torgerson to Player of the Week

University of Montana junior tennis player, Lindsey Torgerson, has been named Player of the Week by the Big Sky Conference for her singles and doubles wins over Eastern Washington last weekend in Missoula.  
Torgerson's defeat over Eastern Washington's Marie Carroll 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 3 singles position, and her doubles win with partner Jonna Schwartz over EWU's Carrol/Teri Sherrill 9-7 helped propel UM to a sweep over the EWU teams at the Robert O. Lindsay Tennis Complex and secure the team a position in the Big Sky Conference tournament.  
UM's men's and women's teams will be competing in the conference championships in Ogden, Utah, this week. The No. 4-seed Lady Griz (2-13, 2-4 BSC) will face No. 5 seed Montana State in a quarterfinal dual match at 10 a.m. on Thursday. Meanwhile, the No. 5-seed Grizzlies (7-10, 2-5 BSC) will take on No. 4 seed Northern Arizona at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

—Kaimin Sports Staff

Bogner snags Academic All-American honors

University of Montana runner Kerry Bogner earned Academic All-American honors in cross country from the Women's Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association.  
The senior from Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of two to receive the award in the Big Sky Conference. She joins 46 Division-I cross-country athletes across the nation.  
To qualify for the award, Bogner had to finish in the top 15 places at the NCAA regional meets or earn All-American honors at the NCAA Championships while maintaining a 3.25 GPA.  
Bogner, a liberal studies major, finished 12th at the Mountain Region Championships in Ogden, Utah, last fall and carries a 3.74 GPA.

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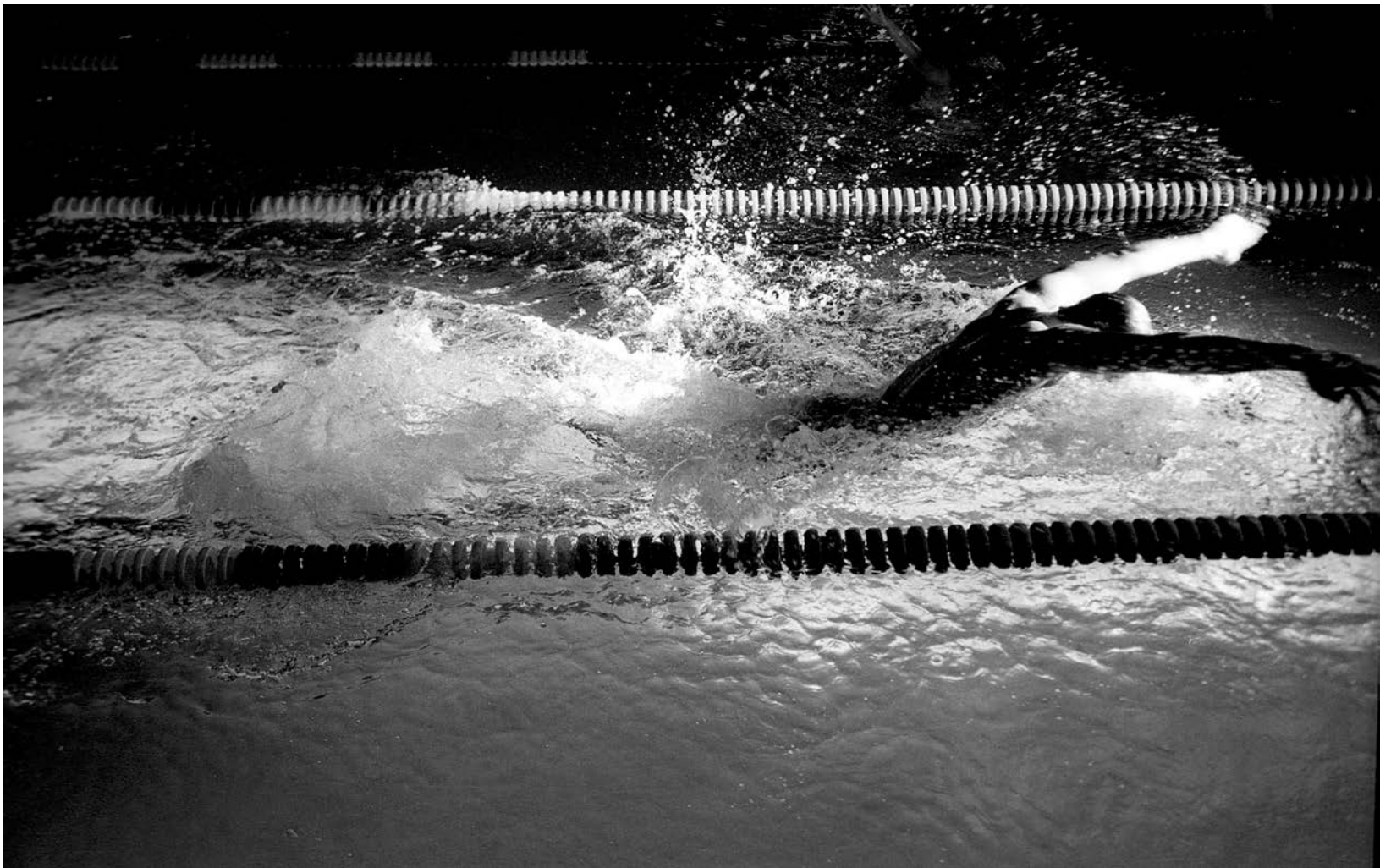
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Anna's Dad started the telemark program in Stowe and she started telemarking 11 years ago. In 2001, she helped start the UM telemark club which was recognized by ASUM in 2002.

"It's a release, there's nothing like being in the mountains and being able to go wherever you want to go," she said.





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UM sophomore Ben Rase swims the butterfly in the YMCA pool Monday evening. Rase has been a competitive swimmer for seven years.

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**Day 21:** I had fun at the circus today. Daddy bought me a balloon and I saw lots of silly clowns. One had a hat that was a pot with a flower in it. It was real silly. Daddy didn't see the clown because he was reading the Montana Kaimin. Mommy told me I shouldn't eat spoiled food again. She said I was acting pretty dicked-up yesterday.

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# Sun-soaked studies



A student studies on the sunny steps of Jeannette Rankin Hall on Tuesday afternoon before heavy winds hit Missoula. Rain showers are predicted for Wednesday with highs in the mid-50s.

Annie P. Warren/Montana Kaimin

# ‘Envy’ falls face first with flan

Anthony Breznican  
Associated Press Writer

“Envy” sets out to test the comedic limits of flan. But just how funny is custard baked with a caramel glaze? The characters in this movie

about backstabbing and friendship repeat the word “flan” endlessly and act orgasmic at the very thought of it — the equivalent of watching two 6-year-olds giggle themselves into a fit over some inexplicable joke. Sure, they’re having a good time — but

what about the onlookers, in this case the audience?

Anyone buying a ticket to this debacle may find themselves turning to some other unlucky soul in the theater and asking: “Are they really making joke after joke after joke about flan?” Sitting down to watch “Envy” is like sitting down for a meal made of gourmet ingredients that was cooked into flavorless mush.

It has a strong cast — starring Ben Stiller and Jack Black — a fine director, “Rain Man” Oscar winner Barry Levinson, and a producing credit from “Curb Your Enthusiasm” and “Seinfeld” co-creator Larry David, who reportedly worked on the script but had his name removed.

Somewhere along the way, these talented individuals failed to connect.

“Envy” crawls to its finish through a minefield of poor taste and comedic misfires: “Hollywood,” “Toys” and “An Everlasting Piece.”

“Envy,” a DreamWorks release, is rated PG-13 for language and crude humor. Running time: 99 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

# Revered musician brings reggae to UM

Alex Strickland  
Montana Kaimin

Missoula will play host to not just another reggae group when Toots and the Maytals come to the UC Ballroom on April 30.

It was the Toots song “Do the Reggay” that gave that genre of music its name back in 1968.

Toots started out as Fredrick Hibbert in small-town Jamaica, who traveled to Kingston in the early ’60s to form his first band. Comparatively, Bob Marley’s first hits with the Wailing Wailers in Jamaica came in 1964.

Alex Allan, an employee at Rockin Rudy’s, said reggae’s popularity in Missoula has always been strong.

Although Allan admitted it was a generalization, he attributed reggae’s high sales to Missoula “being a college town.”

Allan said that nationwide reggae has enough popularity to warrant its own section in record stores, rather than being lumped in with the world-music genre.

Despite the fact that Toots and the Maytals have been making music for almost 40 years, their latest release has received positive reviews in major trade magazines.

The album consists primarily of past hits by the group that

Toots and various guest artists turn into duets.

Artists who make appearances on the record include rock icons, renowned blues singer and leg-ends of folk music.

Eric Clapton makes an appearance playing guitar on “Pressure Drop,” while Keith Richards and Ben Harper share singing duties on two tracks.

The two most surprising appearances might be Willie Nelson and Bonnie Raitt, who sing alone on the first two tracks of the album.

Chris Martins of Filter, a music-industry magazine, wrote of the guest appearances in his review: “As bad of idea as this seems to be, it’s actually fucking awesome.”

Allan said that reggae’s popularity is evident not only in its sales and student following, but that “it has a big influence in terms of overall influence in music.”

Toots and the Maytals will play at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom on April 30.

Students in the business school’s nine-credit entertainment management class are in charge of organizing the show.

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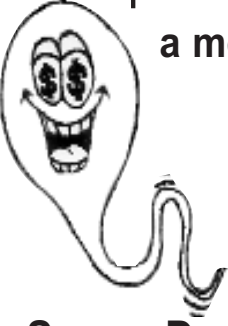
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# Can you hack it?



UM junior Evan Lovely kicks a footbag Sunday afternoon on the Oval during the Montana Freestyle Jam hosted by the Missoula Footbag Alliance. Lovely brought together footbaggers from across the Northwest for the weekend's festival at the University of Montana.

## Skaters, hackers and DJs mix it up on the Oval

Story by Leah Young

Photos by Lisa Hornstein

Anyone crossing the footbridge or climbing Mount Sentinel last Saturday and Sunday could hear the DJ beats coming from the Oval in Missoula's first Montana Freestyle Jam.

The jam was put on by Evan Lovely, a junior studying psychology, who is also the event coordinator for the Missoula Footbag Alliance, a UM student group. Lovely invited all hacky sackers, skateboarders, poi (fire swinger), BMX bikers and musicians to come and show off their talent for a chance to win \$100.

Some who didn't know about the event beforehand might have wondered what they saw from a distance — a sight that looked like speed-hacking, as one audience member put it.

Greg Wallinger, who was on campus for the "All Members Gathering" of AmeriCorps, was drawn to the Oval by the crowd, the music and his curiosity about such serious hackers.

"I just saw these guys dancing around like madmen," Wallinger said.

Hacky sacking is the trademark name for the sport, but the serious players call it footbag, Lovely said.

Footbag had the most participants in the festival, but all forms of freestyle talent were invited by Lovely, who threw down his own \$100 for the first-prize winner.

"I want any obscure and rare forms of freestyle," Lovely said.

Throughout most of the day there were two or more hack circles going on while skaters took turns using the limited equipment available.

Elements Board Shop agreed to provide ramps and rails for the



DJ Idiomatic spins a mix on the turntables Sunday afternoon on the Oval, while his group member DJ Trees stand in the background. Both DJs are UM juniors and part of the hip-hop group The La. The freestyle jam brought together skateboarders, footbaggers, DJs, fire swingers and BMX bikers for a weekend of fun and entertainment.

competition, but a car accident Saturday morning ruined a quarter-pipe and a double-rail, leaving only one small ramp intact. Some skaters were turned off by the lack of a skatepark, but by late afternoon on both days there was a line of skaters waiting for their turn on the five-foot metal rail and the wooden ramp that ascended to about 1 foot off the ground.

Kaid Bruget, a 22-year-old Missoula resident, brought his rail to the festival.

"I like to skate, and they needed more equipment. So I brought my rail," Bruget said.

Besides the skaters and hackers who made up most of the participants, nunchaku (nun-chucks) and poi were of the more rare freestyle sports present.

Ben Little, a sophomore studying biology, has been taking karate and tae kwan do classes since he was 8. Now 20, he has taught himself to use nunchaku blindfolded.

"I got that from Bruce Lee," Little said. "He's the man."

Emma Stayduhar, a recent graduate from George Washington University, has been swinging poi for the past two years. Poi is an activity that involves whipping

around their bodies, two 17-inch chains with fist-sized Kevlar balls on the ends. The Kevlar is soaked in kerosene and lit on fire, which withstands the air pressure from being whipped around.

When the competition started at 3:30 p.m., there were over 200 spectators and participants gathered around the Oval. Stayduhar was the first contestant and was all smiles as she executed forward and backward somersaults while swinging fire.

Stayduhar's performance was followed by timed hacky sack routines, skaters doing tricks on the

rail, one BMX biker, a guitar solo and a DJ solo.

The winners were two footbaggers who performed a doubles routine. Daryl Genze from Westminster, Colo., and Jim Penske from Boise, Idaho, moved their legs under and around each other as they caught the sac with their feet and flicked it into the air again.

Genze, a 32-year-old hacker who has been shredding for 17 years, owns his own footbag company. He is a four-time double freestyle world champion who has competed in tournaments as close as San Francisco and as far away as Prague, Czech Republic.

Throughout the entire jam, music was provided by Missoula musicians.

The bands Simple As It Gets and HughJacked performed Saturday, and on Sunday DJ IDIOMATIC and DJ TREES from the group, The La, spun records.

Many people came both days to watch the jam and enjoy the music.

"They should get DJs down here every weekend," said Katie Matus, a junior studying communications.

Lovely said he has been hacking seriously for three years and his passion for the sport keeps growing. Last January, he started the Missoula Footbag Alliance, which meets biweekly on campus. He recently attended the Seattle Juggling Footbag Festival that helped to inspire him to put on this festival in Missoula.

"I've known for almost a year that we needed a footbag event in Missoula," Lovely said. "A jam to bring different freestyle sports together."

Lovely said he plans to make this jam an annual event.



By Luke Johnson

I hope you'll all get to enjoy a similar college experience to the one that I had, and I want to thank you for reading. Somehow I get the feeling that we'll see each other again. Until then, thank you! I love you! Peace!



Bike Week

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“It definitely raises awareness for transportation alternatives,” Wilson said. “I think our biggest challenge is getting people past the mindset that ‘I have to jump in my car to do anything.’” Participants can receive raffle tickets and enter a drawing to win prizes such as a beach cruiser, an electric scooter or a bike trailer if they arrive at school any way except driving alone, like by car-pooling or bicycling.

In its fourth year, Walk ‘n’ Roll Week is the University of Montana’s venue for involving the campus with the 13th annual Bike Walk Bus Week, put on by the City of Missoula Bicycle Pedestrian Office in conjunction with local businesses and organizations. Bike Walk Bus Week,

also taking place this week, includes more than 70 different events, such as historic walking tours and panel discussions, according to a press release.

Phil Smith, manager of the city’s bicycle pedestrian program, said he appreciates the effort ASUM Transportation puts into Walk ‘n’ Roll Days.

“The traffic volumes that come to and from campus every day is pretty substantial,” he said.

He estimated that there are close to 4,000 bicycle parking spots at UM and that on a sunny day almost all of them are taken.

“Can you imagine if all those people were driving?” he asked.

Both he and Wilson stressed the environmental benefits of having fewer cars on the road as well as the health benefits people receive by trading in their keys for a little foot power.

“I see a lot of people feeling really good about what they’re doing,” Wilson said as she collected raffle tickets from students at a table in the UC.

Wilson said she estimates that 10 percent of the people participating in Walk ‘n’ Roll Week changed their transportation habits because of the celebration.

“Some say they changed,” she said. “Others say, ‘I do this all the time. Thanks for noticing.’”

Brandi Hills, a senior in zoology who usually rides her bike to campus, said she hasn’t noticed a substantial difference in the number of people stepping out of their cars.

“But it’s a good way to get the word out,” she said.

Sophomore Evan Bekkedahl said more UM students use alternative transportation than he realized. One of almost 150 volun-

teers handing out around campus an estimated 12,000 raffle tickets printed on recycled paper, Bekkedahl said he’s encountered lots of bikers, a couple of car-poolers and one scooter rider.

At noon on Friday, the culmination of Walk ‘n’ Roll Week, the student band Broken Valley Road Show will perform in the Mansfield Mall while more than 100 raffle winners are announced and prizes such as bike chains and headlights are given away.

Participants need not be present to win.

For more information about Walk ‘n’ Roll Week and alternative transportation at UM visit [www2.umt.edu/asum/ot/](http://www2.umt.edu/asum/ot/).

For more information about Bike Walk Bus Week and for a daily calendar of events visit [www.bikewalkbusmissoula.org](http://www.bikewalkbusmissoula.org).

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Pell

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against those people and making it harder for them to get an education,” he said.

Currently, there are no federal-ly set time limits. Colleges set the maximum time limits, which are generally six years, according to the Chronicle of Higher

Education. The Department of Education does require that a student be making progress toward a degree.

UM stops giving Pell Grants after a student has reached 154 credits. Students in special cases can appeal to a committee and must outline a plan to graduate in the shortest time possible.

“This committee approves

some and rejects others, but the ultimate object is to get them graduated as soon as possible,” Hanson said.

The program should stay under the control of individual universities, he said.

“I think the University can monitor it more effectively than a pre-set mandate by the federal government,” he said.

Aside from hurting some students, Hanson fears it may complicate the administration process. Financial aid offices would have to keep track of the grants transfer students received at previous schools and whether they attended at full-time or part-time status.

“It just doesn’t make sense to me to complicate the program,”

he said.

And if changing the Pell Grant system would mean less money for students, ASUM President Aaron Flint said, it is the wrong move. He’s critical of a plan that limits aid to certain study areas.

“I don’t think financial aid should be used as a mechanism to attract students to certain voca-tions,” he said.

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